

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An interface card connects a LAN with a drive. The interface card comprises a dual port memory interface, which interfaces to the main control card of the drive. An interrupt line informs a communication processor on the main control card to update feedbacks in the dual port
5 memory and read the set points from the dual port memory. Special control registers interface the communication processor with the LAN. The apparatus also facilitates a method for interfacing the drive to the LAN without modifying the main control card of the drive.